

In the Claims

~~Please~~ amend Claims 1 through 28 as follows:

1. (Amended) A balancing [Balancing] device [(4, 4', 4", 14, 24, 34, 44)] for a tire mounted to a wheel, said balancing device comprising:

 a case having at least one surface thereon; and

 a single balancing weight [(5, 15, 25, 35, 45) being] enclosed in [a] said case, [(6, 16, 26, 36, 46) the] said at least one surface of said case having means for mounting said case to said tire [which is adapted to be firmly fixed to a tyre and which is made of a material having a similar colour to that of a tyre].
2. (Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said weight is made of a lead [or a lead alloy] material.
3. (Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said weight is made of iron alloy.
4. (Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said weight is made of zinc and [aluminum] aluminum alloy.
5. (Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said weight is made of plastic material.
6. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said at least one surface [(14A, 44A)] includes a convex portion [section].
7. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said at least one surface [(4A, 24A)] includes a concave portion [section].

8. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said at least one surface [(34A)] is at least substantially an arc segment [approximately a portion] of a cylinder.

9. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said weight has an approximately rectangular cross section.

10. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case has an approximately constant thickness.

11. (Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case is made of a flexible material.

12. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case [includes] further comprises sections and said weight further comprises [which occupy] passages, said sections [(60)] passing through said passages of said [the] weight.

13. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case is glued [(70) onto the] to a surface of [the] said weight.

14. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said at least one surface is delimited by borders [which] that define edges [(80)].

15. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein said at least one surface is pre-coated with glue [(90)].

16. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] said device further comprising a tape attached to said at least one

surface [is provided with a tape (95)], the surfaces of [which are] said tape being coated with adhesive.

17. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case is black.

18. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case is white.

19. (Twice Amended) [Device] A device according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] wherein said case is green.

20. (Amended) [Wheel] A wheel including a rim [(2, 12, 22, 32, 42)] having an axis [(Z-Z)], a tire [tyre (3, 12, 23, 33, 43)] and a balancing device [(4, 14, 24, 34, 44)] according to any one of claims 1 to 19], said balancing device comprising:

a case having at least one surface thereon; and

[including] a single balancing weight [(5, 15, 25, 35, 45)] enclosed in [a] said case [(6, 16, 26, 36, 46)] a], said at least one surface of said case being [which (4A, 14A, 24A, 34A, 44A) is fixed] firmly mounted to a surface [(3A, 13A, 23A, 33A, 43A)] of a side of said tire [the tyre and which is made of a material having a colour similar to that of the tyre].

21. (Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, [characterized in that is has at most] wherein at least one said balancing device [(4)] is mounted to each [per] side of said tire.

22. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, [characterized in that the] wherein said balancing device [(4)] is [arranged] mounted along a side of [the tyre,] said tire close to [the] said rim.

23. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, [characterized in that the] wherein said tire further comprises a section of maximum width, said balancing device [(4) is arranged] being mounted radially between [the] said rim and [a] said section of maximum width [(3B) of the tyre].

24. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, [characterized in that the] wherein said tire further comprises a sidewall, said balancing device [(14) is] being radially [runs] mounted along the inside of [a] said sidewall [side wall (13A) of the tyre].

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25. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim [20] 24, [characterized in that the] wherein said balancing device [(24)] is radially [runs] mounted along the outside of [a] said sidewall [side wall of the tyre].

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26. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, wherein said tire further comprises a circumferential groove therein, [characterized in that the] said balancing device [(34) is] being engaged in [a] said circumferential groove [(33A) provided in the tyre].

27. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, [characterized in that the] wherein said rim further comprises an edge thereon and a circumferential groove defined between said tire and said edge of said rim, said balancing device [(44) is] being engaged in [a] said circumferential groove [provided by the tyre and an edge of the rim].

28. (Twice Amended) [Wheel] A wheel according to claim 20, [characterized in that the] wherein said balancing device is firmly [fixed] mounted to said tire by gluing.